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Ivan serves as a career SES with the Department of Labor (DOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). As Director of Office of National Programs, Ivan supervises three program areas. Through the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), VETS serves almost 200,000 transitioning service members and their spouses each year. Through grant programs (Jobs for Veterans' State Grants and the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program), VETS serves over 170,000 Veterans each year. Through the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), VETS investigates and resolves almost 1,000 claims per year from Guardsman and Reservists.

Ivan joined VETS in January 2017. Prior to joining VETS, he served in the military for over 34 years. He graduated from Indiana University in 1986, where he simultaneously served in the Indiana Army National Guard (INARNG) and the Indiana University Army ROTC program. During his first four years of active duty as an Army Infantry Officer, he served in Korea and participated in two demilitarized zone operations between North and South Korea. He also served with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, where he and his rifle platoon participated in a combat parachute assault into Panama during OPERATION JUST CAUSE.

He left active duty in 1990 and rejoined the INARNG as a full time officer. His command and staff assignments were numerous and past commands include:

- Rifle Company, 1992 through 1994.
- Infantry Battalion, 2002 through 2003 (OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM).
- INARNG Recruiting Battalion, 2004 through 2007.
- Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, 2008 through 2011 (OPERATION NEW DAWN).
- Camp Atterbury Garrison Command, 2012 through 2013.

From 2014 through 2016, he served as the National Guard Bureau, Director of Manpower and Personnel in Arlington VA. He retired from the Army National Guard as a Brigadier General on 1 January, 2017. He earned numerous badges and awards to include Air Assault, Airborne with combat jump star, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit and two Bronze Stars. He earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He is married to Kimberly, who serves as an Elementary Instructional Coach within the Fairfax County Schools, VA. They live in Vienna, VA and have three children.